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Applicant wishes to call to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office a discrepancy between the date of the Express Mail Mailing Certificate completed by applicant and the Express Mail Mailing Label completed by the United States Postal Service (USPS) for the present patent application.

The Express Mail Mailing Certificate was completed by Laura M. Clark, a legal administrator in the Legal Department of applicant, Hewlett-Packard Company. Ms. Clark dated the Express Mail Mailing Certificate and a return postcard with the date "2/7/02" (February 7, 2002).

Ms. Clark also completed the "To" and "From" entries on the Express Mail Mailing Label (No. EL795267345US) and took it along with the envelope containing the present application to the United States Post Office in Timnath, Colorado, where a USPS employee completed the "Origin" entries, including the "Date in" and "Time in" blanks. The "Date in" and "Time in" entered by the USPS employee were "2 6 02" and "1300 PM" (February 6, 2002, 1300 hours or 1:00 PM).

The Mail Room of the Patent and Trademark Office accorded the present application a filing date of "02/06/02" (February 6, 2002). Applicant presumes that the Patent and Trademark Office has acted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.10 (a) in considering the filing date of this application as the date shown by the "date in" on the "Express Mail" mailing label of the USPS.

✓ Applicant cannot at this date ascertain which date is correct. However, applicant wishes to fully comply with its duty of candor and good faith in dealing with the Patent and Trademark Office (37 CFR 1.56), and has accordingly notified the Patent and Trademark Office of the discrepancy between the two dates.

Respectfully submitted,

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